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1. IN OTHERWISE ROUTINE SPEECH OPENING THIS WEEK'S SECOND SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) IN LAGOS, NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO CRITICIZED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' CIEC STANCE. SPEECH ACTUALLY READ BY NIGERIAN CHIEF OF AIR STAFF AS HEAD OF STATE WASH ON STATE VISIT TO NIGER. CIEC PORTION SPEECH FOLLOWS.

2. QTE AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, IT IS INCREASINGLY DAWING ON US IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIES IN OUR HANDS. THIS POINT WAS AGAIN EMPHASISED IN JUNE THIS YEAR WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES CONCLUDED THEIR JOINT EFFORTS IN PARIS, SO CALLED, AIMED AT ACHIEVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AS ENUNCIATED AT THE 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BUT ARE WE ANY NEARER TO THE RELISATION OF THE IDEALS OF THE ORDER? THE ANSWER IS NO. THE ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN VARIOUSLY ASSESSED. FROM THE MAZE OF ASSESSMENTS, ONE COULD ONLY DEDUCE A COMMON INGREDIENT--THE LACK OF THE POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. WE, IN THIS SUB-REGION, HAVE A LESSON TO LEARN FROM THE FAILURE OF THE

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PARIS CONFERENCE. THAT IS, THAT THE BIG POWERS OF THE WORLD ARE MORE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THEIR NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIO-POLITICAL ADVANTAGES OVER THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. A SAVING GRACE CAN ONLY COME FROM OUR DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT TO INTERNAL AND COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SELF RELIANCE. WE WILL NOW LEARN TO PLACE LESS PREMIUM ON, AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE, REJECT THE SYMPATHY AND CHARITY OF THE RICH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHO FOUNDED THE BASIS OF THEIR WEALTH ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. UNQTE.

2. REMAINDER OF SPEECH CONTAINED NO RPT NO SPECIFICS ON ABOVE, CONSISTING OF EXHORTATIONS TO MINISTERS TO ACHIEVE ECOWAS GOALS.

3. THIS WAS HEAD OF STATE'S SECOND PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CIEC OUTCOME, FIRST COMING NEAR END OF 26-PAGE SPEECH TO RECENT OAU MINISTERIAL LIBREVILLE, IN WHICH HE WAS MORE SPECIFIC: QTE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE, FOR FAR TOO LONG, PUT THEIR HOPES ON THE GENEROSITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THESE HOPES HAVE ALMOST EVAPORATED WITH THE RECENT COLLAPSE OF THE SO-CALLED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN PARIS. IT NOW CLEAR THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO OBTAIN A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM BASED ON JUSTICE AND EQUITY, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST UNITE DURING THE NEXT NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITIES IN GENEVA. WE SHOULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF

DEBTS WHICH CONSTITUTE A BURDEN ON MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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4. BULK OF MINISTERIAL AGENDA CONCERNS HOUSEKEEPING AND
ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS. POST WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
OF INTEREST AS THEY OCCUR AND WRAP-UP FOLLOWING CONFERENCE.
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